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# Lake Wates

W. Kerr Scott Dam and Reservoir



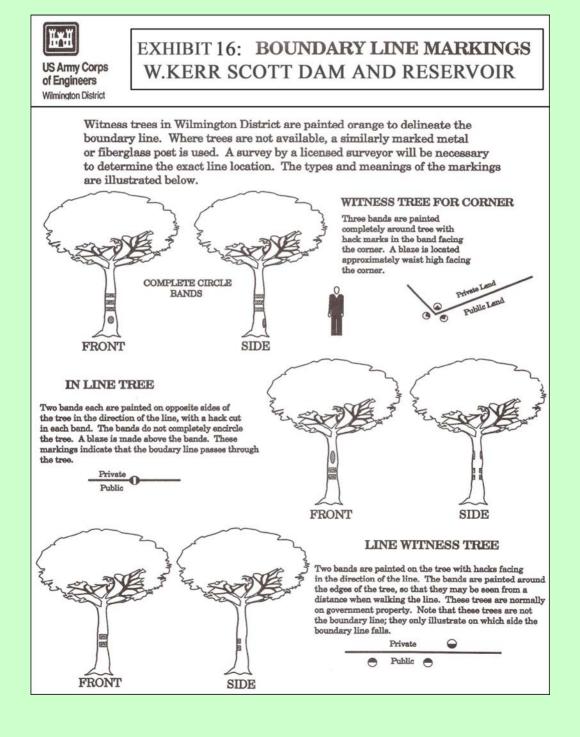
Corps Assists with Hurricane Gustav Relief Efforts

Twenty-four members of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Wilmington District, headed for Maxwell Air Force Base in Alabama on August 29th as part of the Corps' nationwide mobilization to respond to Hurricane Gustav which threatened the U.S. Gulf Coast. The Wilmington District Emergency Operations Center, headed up by Ron Stirrat, went to 12-hour a day operations, and stayed in close touch with the team as they took flights and vehicles south. "When my team arrived in Alabama, they were fully trained and ready to receive and oversee distribution of emergency supplies like water and ready-to-eat meals," Stirrat said. "These great volunteers mobilized from all around our District, some from here in Wilmington, and others from our lakes and regulatory offices as far away as Raleigh, Virginia, and other locations. We are part of a much bigger national Corps response."

Col. Jeff Ryscavage, Commander of the Wilmington District, said "I am proud to see how efficiently and quickly people on our District Team responded to meet this national need. We still have months of hurricane season ahead, and this group of 24 were only a few of the people under my command who were focused on readiness for the storm and others that may be following."

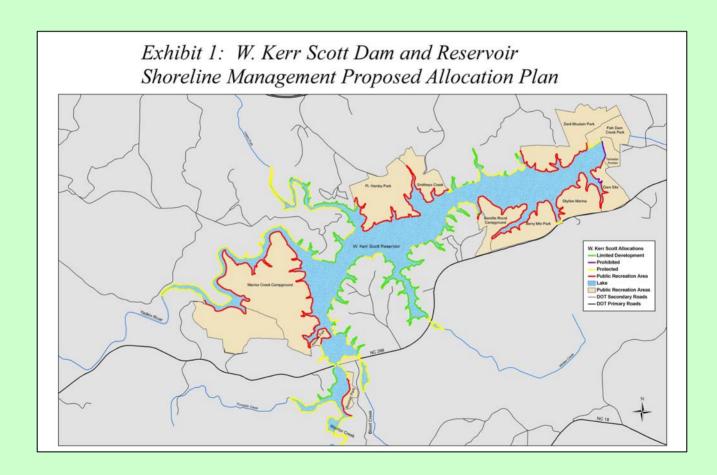
### Boundary Line Remarking - Fall & Winter 2008

With cooler weather approaching adjacent landowners may see Park Rangers in certain areas around the lake remarking the government boundary line. With a goal of 8 miles this winter, rangers plan to work mainly in the Lewis Fork Creek Area. If you have any questions about the line location, please contact our office at 921-3390.



### Shoreline Management Plan Update

The update of the W. Kerr Scott Shoreline Management Plan is on-going. Below is the <u>proposed</u> shoreline allocation map with minor changes from the previous plan.





### COLONEL JEFFERSON M. RYSCAVAGE

## TAKES COMMAND OF THE WILIMINGTON DISTRICT

Colonel Jefferson M. Ryscavage was commissioned from the United States Military Academy as a Second Lieutenant in the US Army Corps of Engineers in 1985. His initial assignment was with the 92<sup>nd</sup> Engineer Battalion (Combat) (Heavy) as a Platoon Leader, Company Executive Officer and Assistant Battalion S-4 at Fort Stewart, Georgia. His follow-up assignment was with the 65<sup>th</sup> Engineer Battalion, 25<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division (Light), Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, as the Battalion's Maintenance Officer, the Battalion S-1 Officer and Company Commander. Following company command, Colonel Ryscavage served as an Assignment Officer at Engineer Branch, US Army Total Personnel Command, Alexandria, Virginia. His next assignment was as a Project Officer and the Deputy District Engineer for the Philadelphia District of the US Army Corps of Engineers. Following the US Army Command and General Staff College, Colonel Ryscavage served as the Engineer Operations Officer, I Corps, the Executive Officer of the 14<sup>th</sup> Engineer Battalion (Corps) Wheeled) and the S-3 Officer of the 555<sup>th</sup> Combat Engineer Group, Fort Lewis, Washington.

Colonel Ryscavage served on the Army Staff as a Plans Officer to the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations and Plans of the Army Transformation Office. He served as Commander, 249<sup>th</sup> Engineer Battalion (Prime Power) and as the Prime Power School Commandant from July 2003 to July 2005. From July 2005 thru July 2007 he served as the Assignment Officer and Career Manager for Engineer, Military Police and Chemical Colonels in the Office of the Chief of Staff of the Army at the Pentagon. Colonel Ryscavage's most recent assignment was as a student in the Industrial College of the Armed Forces at Fort McNair, Washington, DC.

Colonel Ryscavage's awards and decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, the Army Achievement Medal and the Humanitarian Service Medal. He has been awarded the Ranger Tab, the Airborne and Air Assault Badge.

Colonel Ryscavage holds a Bachelor of Science in Chemistry from the United States Military Academy, a Master of Science in Environmental Engineering from the Georgia Institute of Technology and a Master of Science in National Strategic Studies from the National Defense University. He attended the Engineer Officer Basic and Advanced Courses as well as the US Army Command and General Staff College. He is a registered Professional Engineer in the State of Virginia.

# US ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS - WILMINGTON DISTRICT WATER MANAGEMENT UNIT COASTAL. HYDROLOGY AND HYDRAULICS SECTION



- The Wilmington District has the responsibility for managing water resources in an area covering approximately 53,000 square miles. This area includes six river basins and 1,500 miles of navigable waterways. Multi-purpose reservoir projects include W. Kerr Scott located near North Wilkesboro, NC; Falls Lake located near Raleigh, NC; and B. Everett Jordan located near Moncure, NC. Multi-purpose projects with hydropower include Philpott located near Martinsville, VA; and John H. Kerr located near Clarksville, VA. Three Corps lock and dams are located on the Cape Fear River.
- The Wilmington District Corps of Engineers maintains information on stream and lake levels from data collection platforms (DCP's); prepares daily reports of stream flows, lake elevations, and precipitation; and prepares monthly and annual summary reports of project operations.
- For important project operation information during drought or flood conditions, click on the links listed under "Hot Topics."
   The links listed also provide access to current and historic water resource information (USGS) and climate and streamflow forecast information (River Forecasts) in the Wilmington District and surrounding areas.
- Visit <u>www.saw.usace.army.mil</u> and click on "Water Management" for links.

### Press Releases/What's New

NORTH CAROLINA WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION

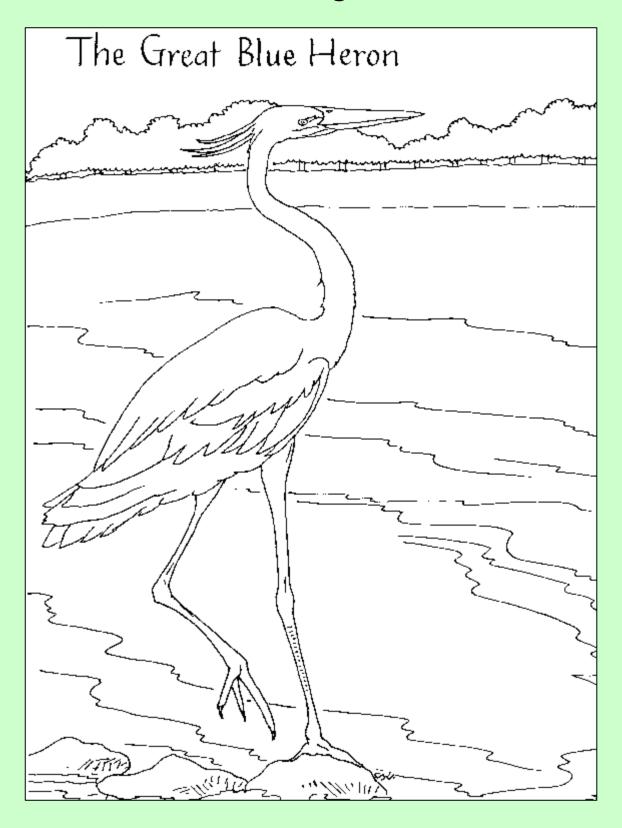


### Dove Season Set to Open on Sept. 1 Throughout North Carolina

RALEIGH, N.C. (Aug. 20, 2008) – North Carolina's dove season opens statewide on Monday, Sept. 1 at noon with a daily bag limit of 15 doves per hunter per day. Traditionally Labor Day weekend is the opening of dove season in North Carolina and includes both Saturday and Monday – giving most hunters two days off from work to hunt. However, under the federal frameworks for hunting migratory birds the season cannot open before Sept. 1, so the season will open on the Monday of Labor Day weekend this year. After opening day, hunting opens a half hour before sunrise to sunset. Dove season will be split into three segments this hunting season, with the first segment from Sept. 1 through Oct. 4. The second segment is from Nov. 24 through Nov. 29, and the final segment from Dec. 12 through Jan. 10. When dove hunting, wildlife officers with the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission advise:

- •BE SAFE: When hunting in a group, know where others are and communicate. Never shoot at low-flying birds and alert companions when a bird is too low to safely allow a shot. Wearing proper eye and ear protection is advised.
- •SHOOT RESPONSIBLY: Know your field of fire and don't pepper people, nearby buildings or vehicles with falling shot.
- •KNOW THE RULES: Don't hunt over baited fields. According to state regulations, placing, exposing, depositing, distributing or scattering of salt, grain or other feed that could serve as a lure for migratory game can constitute a baited area.
- •ENROLL IN HUNTER EDUCATION: First-time hunting license buyers must successfully complete a Hunter Education Course, offered free across the state.

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### Native Plants at the Lake

### **Beetleweed** ~ *Galax rotundifolia* Diapensiaceae Family (Diapensias)



Picture by: Jory Shepherd, Wilkesboro, NC (2005)

**Plant Type:** This is an herbaceous plant; it is a perennial and is an evergreen, which can reach 30 inches in height.

**Leaves:** This plant has basal leaves only. Leaves can be as wide as 6 inches. Each rounded, heart shaped leaf has small rounded teeth. The leaves are tough and leathery and turn reddish brown in winter.

**Flowers:** The flowers have 5 Regular Parts and are up to 0.4cm wide (0.15 inches). They are white. Blooms first appear in late spring and continue into early summer. The flowers are in a single spike.

Habitat: Wooded Mountains.

Range: Southern Appalachian Mountains.

Reminder: It is against regulation to remove any vegetation from government property without a permit.

# Eye on the Environment Actias Luna

Luna Moth





### **Fun Facts:**

Moths are nocturnal (active at night).

Moth larvae love to eat hickory and walnut leaves.

Male and female moths mate at night, for about four hours.

The moth caterpillar changes its skin five times before it is fully grown.

Adult Luna Moths have no mouth - they eat nothing.

### What does it look like?

Luna Moths are brightly-colored - lime green to yellow-green - and average 3-4 inches wide and 5-6 inches long, including the long tail.

#### Where is home?

The Luna Moth lives in North America, and flies only when it's dark.

# Calendar of Events

September 20 Take a Kid Fishing Day

September 20 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Native American PowWow

October 18 NC Big Sweep 9am – 1pm

(Volunteers needed- sign up with Ranger

Juanita Souther)

juanita.souther.usace.army.mil

**Begins** 

October 2 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Junior Johnson Play

"Moonshine and Thunder"

Fort Hamby Park

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## Lake Shots



Great Photos by: Raymond Wells

Thanks!



If you have photographs of the lake, wildlife around the lake or recreation related activities and would like to share, please email to <a href="mailto:jory.d.shepherd@usace.army.mil">jory.d.shepherd@usace.army.mil</a>.